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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/751,822	Applicant(s) NELSON ET AL.	
	Examiner Gregory J. Vaughn	Art Unit 2178	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 November 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Action Background

1. This action is responsive to the applicant's Request for Continued Examination filed on 11/16/2006.
2. Applicant has amended claims 1, 10, 19 and 28.
3. Claims 1-36 are pending in the case, claims 1, 10, 19 and 28 are independent claims.
4. A request for continued examination filed under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after a final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office Action (dated 5/16/2006) has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114.
5. Examiner's rejection of claims 1-36, made under 35 USC 103(a) in the *Claim Rejections – 35 USC 103* section of the previous office action (dated 5/16/2006) is withdrawn in view of the amended claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

“(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.”

7. Claims 1-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spencer US Patent 6,356,909, filed 8/23/1999, patented 3/12/2002 in view of Baxter et al., US Patent 6,356,903, filed 12/30/1998, patented 3/12/2002 (hereinafter Baxter), and in further view of Gurne et al. US Patent 5,541,840 (filed 6/25/1993, patented 7/31/1996, hereinafter “Gurne”).

8. **Regarding independent claim 1**, Spencer discloses storing a plurality of templates, receiving selection of a template by a user, retrieving the selected template from storage, and displaying the template to the user. Spencer recites: *“Using templates for predetermined RFP types (step 23), RFP creators can quickly choose a template that enables them to begin creating a client specific RFP. After the template or an existing RFP is selected, the user may review the RFP to add or delete appropriate sections or questions, as shown in step 24”* (column 12, lines 34-38). Spencer further recites: *“In one embodiment of the present invention, the system and method provide RFP creators with the capability to capitalize on previously developed RFP's*

and specific questions within each RFP using a question database and a RFP database accessible through the web site interface" (column 3, lines 26-31).

Spencer discloses a template that enables a user to select and sequence sections, sub-sections and fields for inclusion in a document to be built. Spencer discloses selecting and sequencing elements of the document in Figure 4 at reference sign 28, shown as *"Organize RFP"*. Spencer also discloses the use of standard word processing software. Spencer recites: *"When all questions and specifications are completed, the RFP is compiled and prepared using a word processing program"* (column 1, lines 65-67) and indicates a typical word processor as Microsoft Word (column 9, line 25). It is well known in the art that a word processor, such as Microsoft Word, would allow a user to select a template, display the template to the user and allow the user to select and sequence elements of a document in order to provide a complete document.

Spencer discloses a template that enables a user to select and sequence sections, sub-sections and fields for inclusion in a document to be built. Spencer fails to explicitly describe a first operation for selecting document parts for inclusion in the document to be built, and a second operation where the document parts are sequenced. Baxter discloses a first operation to select document elements, and second operation to sequence the elements in Figure 7. Baxter discloses selecting the elements in Figure 7 at reference sign S15 (shown as *"Identify Candidate Content"*), and sequencing the sequencing the elements at reference sign S19 (shown as *"Assemble Document*

Elements"). Baxter further recites: "*TABLE 8 ... Content Hierarchy Sequence number indicates the order in which content is applied within a section*" (column 10, lines 17-29). Therefore it would have been obvious, to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to combine the customizable template of Spencer with specific inclusion and sequencing steps as taught by Baxter in order to provide "a system including apparatus, software and methods for organizing content from a variety of sources to be presented in a unified manner such as on a Web page" (Baxter, column 1, lines 6-9).

Spencer and Baxter disclose a user selecting a template from a plurality of templates as described above. Spencer and Baxter fail to explicitly disclose selecting from a list. Gurne teaches the selection of a template from a template list. Gurne recites: "*To retrieve a predetermined template, the technician simply selects that template from the selection list*" (column 10, lines 35-36). Therefore it would have been obvious, to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to combine the customizable template of Spencer and Baxter with the template list selection as taught by Gurne, to provide "*the capability for the technician to develop customized reading templates for gathering such diverse information quickly and efficiently*" (Gurne, column 10, lines 26-28).

9. **Regarding dependent claims 2-6**, Spencer discloses a database used to store content in Figure 3A at reference signs 2-7, shown as "*Question Database*", "*Analysis Database*", "*Response Database*", "*Client Database*",

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"User Database" and *"RFP Database"*. Spencer further discloses in Figure 3C, at reference signs A, B and C, lists of content that is selectable subject matter.

10. **Regarding dependent claims 7**, Spencer discloses in Figure 4 creating a new template at reference sign 21 (shown as *"Create Brand New RFP"*).
11. **Regarding dependent claims 8**, Spencer recites: *"This allows users to prepare reports at any time during the process. Any additional information that may be needed is generated. This allows users to output all of the data into the format of their choice or use the internal system tools to generate reports/results"* (column 16, lines 47-49).
12. **Regarding dependent claim 9**, the claim is directed toward substantially the same subject matter as claim 2, and is rejected with the same rationale.
13. **Regarding claims 10-18 and 28-36**, the claims are directed toward a system for the method of claims 1-9, and are rejected with the same rationale.
14. **Regarding claims 19-27**, the claims are directed toward a computer readable medium for the method of claims 1-9, and are rejected with the same rationale.

Response to Arguments

15. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-36 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection, as described above

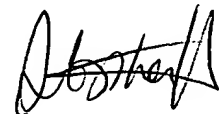
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Conclusion

16. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory J. Vaughn whose telephone number is (571) 272-4131. The examiner can normally be reached Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen S. Hong can be reached at (571) 272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 272-2100.

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